

Appln 685,677
Amendment dated December 9, 2003
No Office Action has issued

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are pending, of which Claim 16 is new and Claim 1 is further amended.

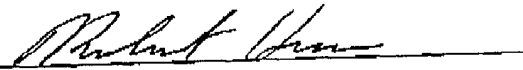
The Abstract is amended to correct a linguistic error.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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